

Funding Action Team

Meeting Notes

June 18, 2004

Attendance

Brian Blaesing, Doris Byers, Alan Cooper, Albert Kaltenthaler, Phil Kazmierski, Ralph Lange, Gary Naeyaert, Theresa Petko, Jon Rice, Ed Timpf, Chuck VanDeuson, Kevin Wisselink, Ron Reid, Bob Lindbeck, Ken Reiter, Nicole Wilson

Meeting Overview

(25 words or less)

This meeting was scheduled with Representative DeRossett to obtain information about state transportation funding. He provided suggestions on how to better educate legislators and the history of certain funding initiatives.

Meeting Notes

1. Due to more fuel-efficient vehicles, the 19-cent gas tax buys an equivalent of 12 cents in goods and services.
2. In Wayne County, the costs for vehicle repairs due to poor roads are twice the national average (\$700).
3. It is important to educate elected officials early on regarding the issues and importance of transportation.
4. Diesel tax is very political and not easy to get it passed.
5. Bi-partisan is the way to get changes for funding.
6. Start right from beginning to teach proposed legislators about transportation even before they become elected. (Local level county road commissioners, township clerks, etc., who may run for the Legislature).
7. Need to convince legislators that funding increases are based on strong public policy reasons – not just politics
8. Need to have “one-on-one” conversations with elected officials to explain transportation needs/funding
9. Interest groups need to come together with one voice to make the learning process easier.
10. New business moving into community everyone benefits but transportation.
11. Representatives of the Transportation Summit – Funding Action Team should come before the House Transportation Committee to give a presentation.

Report on Summit Planning Committee: The Summit Planning Committee met to discuss and recommend direction for reporting the progress made by the action teams. One option is a one-day mini summit the first week in December. MDOT will take the information obtained from the meeting and report back.

Update on 95% Rate of Return & TEA-21: With the appointment of the Conference Committee a letter needs to be sent to Congressional Representatives. A letter was distributed to the team for individual distribution. Theresa reminded members to contact their representative directly, per the action plan.

Education Action Plan Follow-up: Presentation Committee for House Transportation Committee (in September) will be Doris Byers, Brian Blaesing, Myron Frierson, Ken Reiter and Gary Naeyaert.

Education Committee, Debbie Alexander, Bill Carley and Al Kaltenthaler will meet to finalize the Action Plan for Education.

Action Items

1. Need update on state budget.
2. Arrange for speakers and more information on toll roads.
3. All Team Members look for partnering opportunities with other teams.

**Proposed
Agenda Topics
For Next
Meeting**

1. Update on Reauthorization
2. Update on Wisconsin Funding Summit
3. Guest Speaker – Senator Jud Gilbert
Guest Speaker – to discuss Toll Roads
4. Education Subcommittee Update
5. Update on meeting with Legislature
6. Draft agenda for next meeting
7. Set new meeting dates and times
8. Post critique of the meeting

**Next Meeting
Dates**

1. Friday, July 23, 2004 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
2. Friday, August 27 2004 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing